

Masterpiece

Intro:

Ps 19:1-6

This is a fallen world but even still...there is glory in it - even fallen as it is you can see His glory - even in suffering and hardship - God uses wind to make strong trees...and strong believers- wofls law - bones heal stronger after stress - (biosphere strong trees) - God has not abandoned His creation - He has not abandoned matter...

Problem:

Titus 2:11-15

The glory of our resurrection is supposed to be on our minds as a motivation and encouragement...but how can we be motivated when we don't even know what to think about

Main Idea:

What you see is not what you will be
It was determined in His decree
The transfiguration is the key

Implication:

Eph 2:8-10

We are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the earth

Application:

Phil 1:6

You are an ongoing masterpiece right now but make no mistake He will finish His work

Articles for further study:

<http://awesci.com/the-role-of-wind-in-a-trees-life/>

<https://www.gty.org/library/blog/B130701/a-glorified-body-the-necessity-of-our-resurrection>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/glorified-bodies.html>

<https://www.gty.org/library/questions/QA177/does-the-bible-prohibit-cremation>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Gods-workmanship.html>

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Text:

What you see is not what you will be

1 Corinthians 15:35 ¶ But (**alla = strong but**) someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?"

1 Corinthians 15:36 You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.

1 Corinthians 15:37 **And what you sow is not the body that is to be**, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain (**normal for us but still magical - description is not understanding**).

heb 11:35 (different kinds of resurrection - one kind spoken of here - not what Paul has been talking about)

(matt 10:5-8 ... (even Judas did it... as a sign of something else)

(Elijah and Elisha did it - 1 kings 17:22/2 kings 4:32-35)

(lk 7:14-15 widow of Nain); 8:52-55 Jarius' daughter (Jesus did it)

(acts 9:40-41 dorcas (Peter did it)

(acts 20:9-11 Eutychus (Paul did it)

(Jn 11:22-27, 38-44 (Lazarus came back the same... not what He was pointing to)

Jn 12:23-25 (this promise of change not the same as previous resurrections - they lost their bodies eventually but through death there awaits something else - discontinuity)

1 cor 6:12-14 (how? By God's power - Lord made for body... what kind of body? Not this one)

It was determined in His decree

1 Corinthians 15:38 But **God gives it a body as he has chosen**, and to each kind of seed its own body.

1 Corinthians 15:39 For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.

1 Corinthians 15:40 There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another.

1 Corinthians 15:41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory.

2 cor 5:1-5 (further clothed. Continuity from this body)

eph 1:3-14 (inheritance decreed... not gold -> speaking of a body...)

1 pet 1:3-9, 13-21 (our inheritance is a holy body fit for heaven - no insecurity - answering His high priestly prayer perfect oneness... continuity and discontinuity - what will it look like then?)

The transfiguration is the key

1 Corinthians 15:42 ¶ So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

1 Corinthians 15:43 It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in **glory**. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in **power**.

1 Corinthians 15:44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised **a spiritual body (not immaterial)**. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

1 Corinthians 15:45 Thus it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

1 Corinthians 15:46 But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual.

1 Corinthians 15:47 The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:49 **Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.**

lk 3:21-4:13 (what we were meant to be - and what we will become...)

lk 9:23-36 (transfiguration is key - glory of Moses and Elijah same - preview of the kingdom - none yet had glorified bodies but for a moment Peter given a vision of their future bodies... and ours)

Lk 24:36-43 (we will be like Him - the same but different - food flesh and bones - still us but different...)

1 jn 3:1-2 (it is enough of a promise to know we will be like Him)

1 cor 6:1-3 (higher than angels - fear and trembling - their holiness terrifying to us - tempted to worship)

heb 2:5-3:1 (share in heavenly calling - this is the weight of our glory - these around you are the holiest objects presented to your senses...)

2 cor 5:16-17 (in seed form everlasting horror or everlasting splendor)